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SUBJECT: CALL BY FRENCH AMBASSADOR KOSCIUSKO-MORIZET ON
WILLIAM E. SCHAUFEELE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR AFRICAN
AFFAIRS

1. KOSCIUSKO-MORIZET REQUESTED AN APPOINTMENT WITH
AMBASSADOR SCHAUFEELE TO DISCUSS DJIBOUTI. HE BEGAN BY
NOTING THE INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE POLITICAL
STABILITY OF THE AREA, AND ASKED US TO CONSIDER THE
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ESTABLISHMENT OF A CONSULATE IN DJIBOUTI BEFORE INDEPEND-
ENCE. SUCH A MOVE WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE CONSOLIDATION
OF THE POSITION OF MODERATE ELEMENTS SUCH AS ABDALLAH
KAMIL, AND WOULD ENCOURAGE SAUDI ARABIA TO PLAY A
CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE.

2. AMBASSADOR SCHAUFEELE REPLIED THAT WE HAD BEEN THINKING

ABOUT A CONSULATE IN DJIBOUTI AND WOULD BE HAPPY TO CONSIDER THE FRENCH REQUEST. HE THEN ASKED ABOUT POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TERRITORY.

3. THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT THE ROUNDTABLE PARIS CONFERENCE OF DJIBOUTI POLITICAL GROUPS WAS STILL SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY AND THAT INDEPENDENCE WOULD OCCUR IN 1977. BY LAW THE DJIBOUTI INDEPENDENCE CONSULTATION HAD TO TAKE PLACE WITHIN THE FIRST 6 MONTHS OF THE YEAR, AND THE FRENCH PARLIAMENT THEN HAD 6 MONTHS MORE TO CONSIDER THE RESULTS.

4. AMBASSADOR SCHAUFELLE NOTED THAT WE FAVORED A FRENCH POST-INDEPENDENCE MILITARY PRESENCE TO DETER ETHIOPIAN AND SOMALI ADVENTURISM. THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR SAID THAT A FRENCH MILITARY PRESENCE DEPENDED ON THE WISHES OF THE INDEPENDENT GOVERNMENT.

5. AMBASSADOR SCHAUFELLE SAID THAT DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SEELYE WOULD BE VISITING THE HORN SHORTLY AND AFTERWARD WOULD PASS THROUGH PARIS ON MARCH 11 WHERE HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. KOSCIUSKOMORIZET TOOK NOTE OF THAT FACT.
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